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REMARKS

The present application was filed on April 19, 2001 with claims 1 through 60. Claim 25 was cancelled in the Amendment and Response to Office Action dated December 1, 2005. Claims 8, 41, 53 and 58 are proposed to be cancelled herein, without
5 prejudice. Claims 1, 9, 10, 24, 42, 51, 52, 56 and 57 are proposed to be amended herein.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Giustiniani et al. (United States Patent Number 5,230,037), rejected claim 56 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fette (United States Patent Number 4,707,858), and rejected claims 24, 52, 53, 57, and 58
10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ittycheriah et al. (United States Patent Number 6,185,530). The Examiner indicated that claims 15-23, 46-50, 55, and 60 are allowed and that claims 2-14, 26-45, 54, and 59 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

15 Request for Updated Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

Fette (United States Patent Number 4,707,858) was cited by the Examiner but does not appear to be listed on a form PTO-892 or PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request an updated Notice of References Cited (PTO-892).

Each of the Independent Claims 1, 15, 24, 51, 52, 56 and 57 were either
20 previously indicated as allowed or have been amended to include the limitations of an allowable claim. More specifically, claim 1 was amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 8. Claim 15 was previously allowed. Claim 24 was amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 41. Claims 51 and 56 are directed to apparatus and articles of manufacture of similar scope to claim 1, and have likewise been
25 amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 8. Claims 52 and 57 are directed to apparatus and articles of manufacture of similar scope to claim 24, and have likewise been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 41.

Dependent Claims

Claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-23, 26-40, 42-45, 47-50, 54, and 59 are dependent on
30 claims 1, 15, 24, 46, 52, and 57, respectively, and are therefore patentably distinguished over Giustiniani et al., Fette, and Ittycheriah et al. (alone or in any combination) because

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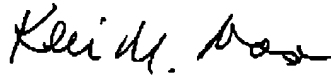
of their dependency from independent claims 1, 15, 24, 46, 52, and 57 for the reasons set forth above, as well as other elements these claims add in combination to their base claim. The Examiner has already indicated that claims 16-23 and 47-50 are allowed and that claims 2-14, 26-45, 54, and 59 are allowable.

5 All of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

10 The Examiner's attention to this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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